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SUBJECT: ENCOURAGEMENT OF ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI NEGOTIATIONS

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1. WHILE WE SHOULD HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT GOC DISPOSITION TO BE FLEXIBLE OR HELPFUL IN THIS SITUATION, I DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD OVERLOOK POSSIBLE DESIRABILITY OF FURTHER APPROACHES TO CUBANS, IF ONLY TO KEEP OPEN THIS DIPLOMATIC CHANNEL IN KEEPING WITH THE ORIGINAL CONCEPT OF NORMALIZATION PROCESS. MOREOVER, IT IS NOT AT ALL CLEAR FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT HERE THAT GOC IS ACTING IN ETHIOPIA EXCLUSIVELY AT SOVIETS'S BEHEST, AND THAT THEY COULD, THEREFORE, BE EASILY TURNED OFF BY CHANGE IN SOVIET SIGNALS ALONE.

2. I THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT USINT BE AUTHORIZED AT APPROPRIATE TIME AT LEAST TO INFORM GOC OF THE EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA CONFLICT, AND TO REQUEST CUBA'S SUPPORT. THIS APPROACH WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE MADE AT MINREX

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LEVEL SINCE I UNDERSTAND THAT CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ IS HOSPITALIZED FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AT PRESENT AND SINCE, IN ANY CASE, I AM SCHEDULED TO LEAVE HAVANA ON THURSDAY FOR CONSULTATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT.
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